

HIGH-PRICED PLAYERS FROM MINORS MAY CRACK UNDER PUBLICITY STRAIN

PUBLICITY IS DANGEROUS TO TRIO OF KIDS

Kamm, O'Connell, and Hale May Suffer Same Fate of Other Baseball Phenoms.

By MALCOLM MAC LEAN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—And what are Messrs. Willie Kamm, Jimmy O'Connell and Samuel Hale going to do in the majors next season? This trio of Pacific Coast Leaguers, alleged to have cost a quarter of a million dollars, will be watched with enormous interest by the fans of the nation.

Will they be able to stand up under the enormous amount of publicity they have received? Or, like others we will mention in a sentence or two, will they falter and fall by the wayside?

Veteran fans will recall how Pitcher Marty O'Toole went to the Pirates for the then staggering sum of \$30,000 or \$35,000. He was unable to make the grade. The advance notices, flattering beyond measure, did him no good. Just before that time Rube Marquard also graduated from the American Association, the sum paid for him being considerably less than that which went for O'Toole. His price was poured upon Rube's head by the writers in the public prints. For more than a year Marquard was useless. McGraw kept him on the bench a long time, and Rube finally did come through.

KAMM BROUGHT \$100,000.

But here we encounter a situation of three lads from the coast, two being priced at \$75,000 per and Kamm costing Comiskey a cool, yes, a chilly, \$100,000. A good, round mouthful that, gentlemen.

Eddie Collins, when at the top of his stride, a marvel of the diamond and called by some the most valuable ball player of all times, went to the Sox from Philly for \$50,000 and the baseball world gasped. It didn't listen reasonable. But Eddie was worth that sum.

Whether Messrs. Kamm, Hale and O'Connell will come up to specifications remains the big mystery.

The writer has observed all three in action more than once. Of the trio, Willie Kamm is the most finished ball player. As a third sacker he is a gem of the first magnitude. We can think of no other man to compare him with the past two decades except Jimmy Collins, of the old Boston Pilgrims.

KAMM'S HITTING DOUBTFUL.

Yes, Kamm is a third baseman who, as a fielder, has the edge on anyone in the majors today. But whether he can hit much in the big league remains a problem. Recent averages in the Coast League indicate he finished seventh with a mark of .342. This is excellent. It shows he must have a wallop in his bat.

Incidentally, he led O'Connell, also of the Frisco club, who goes to the Giants and was picked largely because he could smother that old apple. O'Connell batted .335, according to press reports, and was tenth in the list.

As a fielder, O'Connell scarcely classes with Kamm, or didn't in the many battles with the Giants. He appears somewhat indifferent, or perhaps not quite aggressive enough. They tell us he has improved in this particular respect, in which case he may look better in the field.

As for Hale, for whom Connie Mack is said to have paid the staggering sum of \$75,000—well, he can smother that apple. His mark of .358, which put him third in the league, indicates this fact. But it was no secret. Hale showed he could bat when given a tryout in the majors before. But he is not a finished fielder.

Their debut and their first season up here in the big league will be one of the features of the season.

Jim Barnes to Play With Farrell in Cuba

Jim Barnes, of Pelham, who led the field in the national open golf championship in 1921, and Johnny Farrell, of Quaker Ridge, holder of the Shawnee open title, are going to Cuba this winter to show the inhabitants of the island just how the royal and ancient game should be played. They are going at the invitation of Fred Snare, president of the Seniors Golf Association, who is also the breeding genius of the Havana Country Club.

According to Mr. Snare, the Cubans are manifesting a great deal of interest in the coming visit of the two American stars. It is some ten or eleven years since any team of pros visited the island, the last one being Mike Brady and Tom McNamara. Jerry Travers while he was at the height of his career as an amateur, was also a visitor, but according to Mr. Snare, enthusiasm in the game at that time was restricted to the American living in Cuba. Now, however, the native Cubans have taken up the game, and several of them are rapidly becoming quite proficient. Barnes and Farrell will play on January 25-27, and also in the Houston tournament. They will sail from New Orleans on February 10, arriving in Havana two days later.

YOSEMITES BOOKED.

The Yosemite A. C. is scheduled to play the Lexington A. C. in the Ingram gym this evening at 8 o'clock. The manager of the Bolting Field club is requested to get in touch with L. S. Stewart of the Yosemite. Phone Main 5124.

FERRAND PRESENT

For the first time in the history of Cornell its present representative at the meeting of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, President Livingston Farrand has designated himself Cornell's representative.

Quarter Million See Chicago School Grid Games

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Figures compiled by Chicago high schools today showed that 278,787 persons attended the 133 prep school football games played here the last season. One game drew 73,000 spectators, and the average attendance was 1840 for each game.

HEYDLER SEES BASEBALL RUIN IN COIN CRAZE

National League President Scores Policy of Paying Big Prices for Minor Stars.

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League and the prices paid for them:

Kamm, San Francisco, by White Sox.....	\$100,000
O'Connell, San Francisco, by Giants.....	75,000
Hale of Portland, by Athletics.....	75,000
May of the Vernon Club, by Yankees.....	50,000
Stals and Aldridge, by the Los Angeles Club to Cubs.....	40,000
Piette and Johnson of Portland to Detroit.....	30,000
Sheely, E. Johnson and Mulligan, Salt Lake to White Sox.....	30,000
Caveney of San Francisco, and Pinelli, Oakland, by Reds.....	20,000
Blue, Portland, to Detroit.....	15,000
Bohne, Seattle, by Reds.....	10,000
Maisel Portland, by Cubs.....	10,000
Baister of Los Angeles, by Detroit.....	10,000
Cunningham of Seattle, by Giants.....	10,000
Couch of San Francisco, by Reds.....	10,000
O'Doul of San Francisco, by Yankees.....	10,000
In the American Association:	
Danforth of Columbia, by the Browns.....	\$20,000
Hargrave of St. Paul, by the Reds.....	10,000
Shinn of Indianapolis, by Giants.....	10,000
E. Miller, of St. Paul, by the Yankees.....	10,000
Moest of Milwaukee, by the White Sox.....	10,000
Hauser, with Milwaukee, by Athletics.....	10,000
Hollingsworth, of Minneapolis, by Washington.....	20,000
In the Southern Association:	
Little of Little Rock, by Washington.....	\$10,000
Washington of Little Rock, by Washington.....	10,000
In the International League:	
Bentley of Baltimore, by the Giants.....	\$65,000
Fothergill, of Rochester, by Detroit.....	10,000
Mueller, Syracuse, by Cardinals.....	10,000
Wirtz of Rochester, by the Cubs.....	10,000

Although there is close to one million dollars represented here that the owners say they paid the A. leagues, yet less than half of this amount was actually paid. For instance, if the purchase price was quoted as \$50,000 the minor league club, probably received \$20,000 and the player's estimate to be worth \$10,000 each.

SAYS IT'S EXAGGERATED.

Col. T. L. Huston, who recently sold his half interest of the Yankees to Jacob Ruppert, in speaking of the purchasing of the high priced, untied minor league stars, said, "It is greatly overdone and exaggerated. The Yankees never purchased any untied stars at fabulous prices. We bought Ruth, Mays, Bush, Eloy, Sam Jones and Scott, but we knew what we were buying."

"We have had many opportunities to get minor league stars at high prices," went on the distinguished, retired soldier magnate, "but we refused them. There was one time we were offered Jimmy O'Connell, but he was offered for \$55,000, but refused him. Paying big money for untied stars is hazardous," continued the colonel. "Most of these high prices I think you will find are fancy."

It is rumored by many close to the inside working of baseball clubs that Charles Comiskey gave only \$40,000 in cash and the rest in players for Willie Kamm. Hale, it is said, cost Mack \$55,000 cash and \$20,000 in players. O'Connell cost \$50,000 cash and \$50,000 in players.

Distance Stars to Race in Brooklyn Games

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The 3,000-meter race for the Hirsch Trophy, one of the features of the Wilco A. A. games at the Thirtieth regiment armory, Brooklyn, on February 10, should furnish one of the best distance races of the indoor season if the Wilco management succeeds in landing the runners that have been invited to meet in this race. Invitations were extended yesterday by Chairman Hugh Hirsch, of the Wilco games committee, to the following distance runners:

Jole Ray, of the Illinois A. C., who won the race last year in New York's record time; Walter Higgins, of Columbia, intercollegiate two-mile and cross-country champion, who won this race two years ago; Ray Watson, Kansas City A. C.; John Romig, former Penn State star and present national two-mile champion; Ray Baker, of Bates College; R. E. Harris, of M. T. C., runner-up to Higgins in the intercollegiate cross-country championship last month; Abel R. Kiviat, former national champion; Elmer Douglas, of Yale; Elmer McLane, of the University of Pennsylvania; and William R. Goodwin, of the New York A. C.

James Swetonic Sold to Evansville Outfit

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Informer James Swetonic today was sold by the local association baseball club to Evansville, of the Three I League. It was announced here tonight.

MENTIONED FOR OFFICE IN NEW UNION

Here is the man who, it is said, will represent the champion New York Giants on the executive board of the newly proposed union of professional baseball players.

Groh plays third base for the champions and is one of the most skilled in the business. Rumors that he will be the Giants union delegate are persistent.



HEINIE GROH.

CELTICS PLAY YANKEES HERE NEXT MONTH

Court Game's Highest Priced Team Signed for Game at Coliseum January 10.

By JAMES J. CORBETT.

THE original New York Celtics, the greatest collection of professional basketballers ever gotten together, are to play in Washington, January 10. Eddie Bratburd, of the Yankees, yesterday completed negotiations with Jim Furey, manager of the Celtics, to bring the Gotham court prima donnas to the Coliseum to meet the District floor kings.

In booking the Celtics, Bratburd is going to give Capital basketball followers a peep at the highest priced attraction in basketball. Furey, who is said to be backed by Tex Rickard, fight promoter, has a payroll in the neighborhood of \$15,000 a month.

Johnny Beckman, peer of all forwards, according to basketball sharps, is the best known celebrity with the outfit, also the highest priced. Beckman received a monthly salary of \$3,000 last year and is said to be drawing down the same amount of cash this year. He is the Babe Ruth of basketball.

Another luminary with the team is George "Horse" Haggerty, giant pivotman, who starred in the Eastern League for nine years before adding his name to Furey's payroll. Few pivotmen in the game can out-jump the husky Haggerty.

Furey has guaranteed Bratburd to bring his regular lineup to Washington. The club plays every night in the week and crowds in two-a-day on Sunday. The home games in the Big Town are played in Madison Square Garden. The Yankees are to play a return game in the garden in February.

Corbett Relates

HOW BIG CHAMPION LOST HIS TITLE IN BATTLE WAGED ON TURF IN THE COLD.

By JAMES J. CORBETT.

ANOTHER vivid illustration of the wonderful improvement in the fighting game can be gained by a short resume of the fight between "Gentleman Jack" Jackson and George Ingelstone, which was staged in March, 1789, at the little town of Ingelstone, England. At that period "Gentleman Jack" was considered the superior of any fighter living and he found it difficult to get suitable matches. Tall, clever and powerful, he was regarded as invincible.

George Ingelstone was one of the ordinary battlers of that period. He barely eked out an existence, for he had no friends that were willing to wager on his ability.

The fight situation in that age was no different than it is now, so far as selecting opponents for the heavyweight champion. As he dashed at Ingelstone, Jackson's right foot ran foul of a hard piece of turf and in a flash the big man turned on his leg, fell to the ground and groaned in agony. He tried to get up, but found it impossible.

Jackson was carried to his chair and it was discovered he had broken a bone in his left leg. There was nothing left for the referee but to award the fight to Ingelstone as Jackson was unable to continue.

Just imagine the fighters of today battling in the freezing cold on hard, cutting dirt. Picture a crowd gathered around the ring doing its best to keep warm by stamping feet and warming hands over a bonfire. You couldn't dream of such a spectacle in the present era. In the first place, it would be too risky for the champion, as it proved in the case of Jackson. Again, you couldn't get anybody to attend such a fight. We may our fights in warm, well-ventilated halls, where the fighter enjoys every comfort. Yes! We certainly have improved greatly.

BASKETBALL IS POPULAR SPORT WITH MIDDIES

Rankes Next to Football and Baseball in Hearts of Naval Academy Lads.

By JAMES J. CORBETT.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—Next to baseball and football, basketball is now the game which has been played by the largest number of youths who enter the Naval Academy. Over three hundred, about half of the class, had played it before their entrance at the Academy.

Several members of the new class have been put on the first squad, and the class five promised to be the strongest in the history of the academy. Craig, formerly of Knox College; Flippin, who captained Centre, and Shapley, from Peddie Institute, are the most promising of the new men.

John J. Scheibler, of New York city, now playing center on the basketball team, is the newest Naval Academy scholar to make good in athletics. Scheibler is one of the best students in the second class.

Other high grade students who are making good just now in athletics are: Parr, end of the eleven, captain and guard of the basketball five and member of the lacrosse team; O'Regan, captain of the boxing team, football and lacrosse player; Pearson, captain of the gymnasium team and individual champion of the Intercollegiate Wrestling association for two seasons; Hayes and Bell, of the boxing team, and Herlihy, of the wrestling team. All of these are either "star" grade as students, or very close to it.

NOT INTERESTED.

Frank Frisch, of the New York Giants, announces that he has no desire to head the new Baseball Players' Union and will decline the presidency if elected.

YALE IS BEATEN.

Yale's rifle team was defeated last night in a telegraphic match with the University of Iowa.

PLAYED FIVE PLACES

Hal Janvrin, recently sent to the Coast League by Brooklyn, played five different positions last season. In one game he played first base, fifteen games at second, two games at third, four at short, and one in the outfield.

EXENDINE ONE OF FEW TO WIN FROM G. DOBIE

Cornell Grid Tutor Rounds Out Eighteenth Year with But Five Defeats.

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